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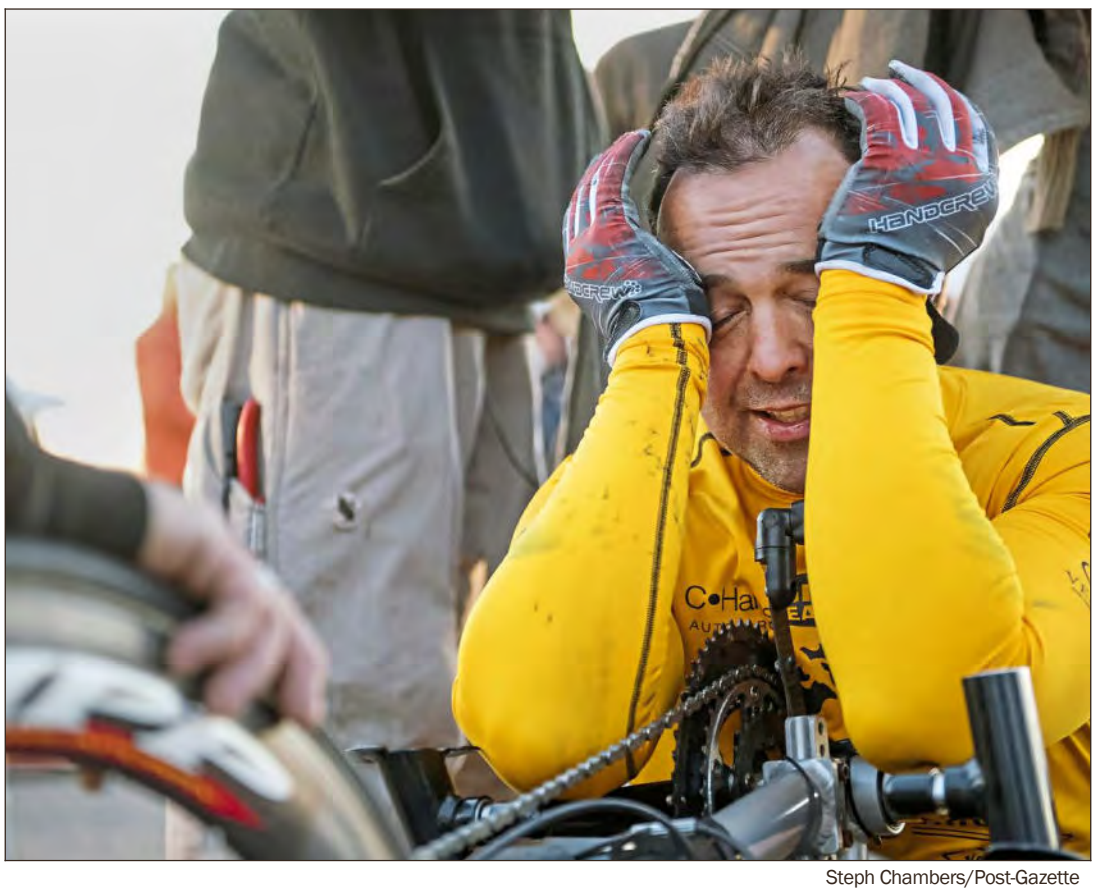

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Attila Domos of Greenfield reacts Saturday morning after he dropped out during the 24-Hour World Time Trial Championships in Borrego Springs, Calif. Visit **post-gazette.com** for a video report.

Paralyzed Pittsburgh hand-cyclist's world record dream dashed as race surface in California desert causes concussion symptoms

Bumps in the road

By Sean D. Hamill
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

IBORREGO SPRINGS, Calif. Inspirational Pittsburgh hand-cyclist Attila Domos' attempt to set a 24-hour world record came to an abrupt end Saturday morning when he had to withdraw from the race in the Sonora Desert because of concussion-like symptoms.

After it became apparent that he was only getting slower and slower and possibly causing serious damage to himself, his five-member race crew — led by his younger brother, Csaba — convinced Mr. Domos to withdraw.

"Yeah, dude, don't kill yourself," Csaba Domos told him at the end of the 11th lap of the 18-mile course at about 9:50 a.m. Pittsburgh time, nearly 14 hours into the race. "You're going to end up with severe trauma."

As he sat in his low-slung bike — the source of the rattling that caused his concussion-like symptoms — Mr. Domos, who complained of blurred vision and increasingly painful headaches as the race wore on, put his cycling-gloved hands on his face and wept.

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UPMC, AHN chart different courses to future

By Steve Twedt
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In a span of 16 days, the Pittsburgh region's two largest health systems have laid out, in widely divergent ways, what kind of health care Western Pennsylvanians will receive and where for at least the next decade.

Both UPMC and Highmark Health have declared their model the future of health care, even as each takes a vastly different path.

Highmark Health's Allegheny Health Network announced Oct. 18 plans for a 60-bed hospital in Pine and a 10-12 bed microhospital in each of the four directions, establishing a network of neighborhood facilities for emergency care and treating common ailments and injuries close to peoples' homes.

On Friday, UPMC unveiled grand plans for three specialty hospitals in Uptown, Oakland and Shadyside offering innovative treatments in cancer, organ transplantation, heart care, and vision and rehabilitation care that it expects will draw patients from around the world.

The bill over the next four to five years: $700 million for AHN's new hospitals and $2 billion for the UPMC initiative.

Having both watershed announcements by the region's largest health systems and insurance providers in just over two weeks' time could be more than coincidence.

The UPMC-Highmark consent decrees — five-year agreements

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A SPECIAL REPORT

RIDING OD ROAD

How an unassuming city neighborhood became the overdose capital of the region

Steve Mellon/Post-Gazette

The busy 2800 block of Brownsville Road in Carrick. The Pittsburgh neighborhood has been hit hard by the opioid epidemic.

Spend time on Carrick's streets and you may meet a father who has been floored by fentanyl more times than he can count on his fingers. A mother desperate to stay off heroin and out of jail, saved by kids who've already lost their father to drugs. A man whose brother succumbed to black market methadone, but whose every morning starts with a sickening craving and the mantra, "I gotta find something."

You'll also find people fighting for recovery — either for themselves, or for their neighborhood.

As part of a continuing investigation, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's Stephanie Strasburg, Steve Mellon and Rich Lord spent July through October at the center of the region's opioid epidemic, asking two questions: Why here? Why now?

They found a perfect storm of working class demographics, affordable housing challenges, suburban drug seekers and entrenched dealers. They caught rays of hope, too — but saw no easy fixes, and no end of the road.

SPECIAL REPORT: SECTION D

Asia trip a crucial international test for Trump amid N. Korea threat

By Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

HONOLULU — On his most grueling and consequential trip abroad, President Donald Trump stands ready to exhort Asian allies and rivals on the need to counter the dangers posed by North Korea's nuclear threat.

The 12-day, five-country trip, the longest Far East itinerary for a president in a generation, comes at a precarious moment for Mr.Trump. Just days ago, his former campaign chairman was indicted and another adviser pleaded guilty as part of an investigation into possible collusion between his 2016 campaign and Russian officials.

With Mr. Trump set to arrive Sunday in Japan, the trip presents a crucial international test for a president looking to reassure Asian allies worried that his inward-looking "America First" agenda could cede power in the region to China. They also are rattled by his bellicose rhetoric about North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. The North's growing missile arsenal threatens the capitals Mr. Trump will visit.

"The trip comes, I would argue, at a very inopportune time for the president. He is under growing domestic vulnerabilities that we all know about, hour to hour," said Jonathan Pollack, a senior fellow

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New law will give Pennsylvanians access to internet gambling

By Gary Rotstein
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

State lawmaker George Dunbar, a numbers guy, recalls the pleasure he took — and supplemental income he netted — playing poker online years ago.

"I'm a stay-at-home type of person, and it was something I could do while sitting and talking with my wife and kids and didn't have to give 100 percent attention to," the House Republican from Penn Township, Westmoreland County, explained.

"I was relatively successful at it," said Mr. Dunbar, who is also a certified public accountant.

It's a pastime he and thousands of other Pennsylvanians are likely to resume sometime next year due to recently enacted state legislation supported by Mr. Dunbar. The law also opens up wide-ranging new options for gambling over the internet and in person.

A federal crackdown on gambling-related financial transactions in April 2011 ended online gambling by hundreds of thousands of U.S. players unless a state passed a law authorizing it — or unless they played through operators based in other countries who operate their internet sites beyond the reach of U.S. law enforcement.

Nevada, Delaware and New Jersey legalized online gambling in 2013. Pennsylvania has now joined them, doubling the number of American adults authorized to gamble using their desktop computers, phones or other mobile devices. Some will play poker like Mr. Dunbar, but just as in an actual casino, many more will pay to indulge in internet simulation of the same slot machines and table games to which they are accustomed, including blackjack, craps and roulette.

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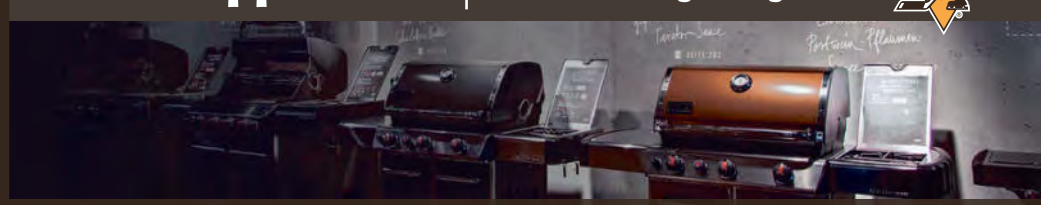

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